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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIFE

SUBJECT: Possible 'Merger' of the CIP and CCP

1. Yesterday, Mr. Ed Mitchell, the representative of the OSD, Comptroller/Management on the CIP Review Group informed us that he would be putting into both the CIP and the CCP, a Format A recommending that the Secretary of Defense establish a single DOD element as the primary action office for both the CIP and the CCP. He further said that this Format A would not recommend what element should be given this assignment and that he was under orders not to discuss this facet of the proposition.
2. This action by the OSD Comptroller means that both the CIP and the CCP Review Groups will have to address themselves to the proposition and state their views. From the discussion that followed this announcement it appeared to me that if this recommendation is bought by the Secretary of Defense, it would have the practical effect of establishing an "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence" and would put under the management control of that one individual, about 90% of the Intelligence Community's money and manpower resources.
3. Under this concept, there would be a single review group probably supported by panels of "experts" on the more complicated areas of the activities being covered. To facilitate a meaningful combined review, there would probably be an ad hoc group established to concentrate for several months on the problem of restructuring the CCP and CIP so that they could be melded together to present a clear picture of the combined effort they represent.
4. I will, of course, continue to keep you informed of the progress of discussion on this proposal but suggest you might find it profitable to discuss it with who is, I believe, the real sponsor of the recommendation.

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